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COUNTY CONVENTION FEBRUARY 12

Republicans to Meet in Linneus and Elect Delegates to State and Congressional Conventions

The republican county central committee met in Linneus last Monday and selected Wednesday, February 12, as the date for holding the county convention, the delegates to the county convention to be selected in the various township on Saturday, February 8. At the county convention eleven delegates will be elected to the state convention to be held at St. Louis, February 27, and eleven delegates to the congressional convention to be held at Chillicothe on February 17.

This will be the only county convention held by the republicans this year as the candidates for county as well as state offices will be nominated by a primary election to be held at the regular polling places in each precinct on the first Tuesday of August. There are two ways in which a person desiring to run for the party nomination for a county office may have his name printed on the official ballot to be used at the August primary. First, he may file with the county clerk a declaration, giving his residence and stating that he is a candidate for the nomination for such office at the hands of his party, or a nomination paper in behalf of a candidate may be filed with the county clerk at least sixty days before the first Tuesday in August. Such nomination papers to be legal must be signed by at least three per cent of the voters of the party of the candidate in at least one-sixth of the election precincts of the county.

Household Goods for Sale

Will sell at private sale all our household furniture consisting of bed room suits, child's bed, davenport, chiffonier, dining room table and chairs, buffet, rockers, chairs of all kinds, stands, secretary, hard coal stove and cook stove. Also one rubber tired bike road wagon, set of double driving harness and one burro. Will sell everything at a bargain to keep from moving them. Call at home on south side.

F. M. CONNOR.

Collection Notice

Having sold my livery business, I wish to close my books at once and request all knowing themselves indebted to me to call and settle without further delay, as I must close up matters as soon as possible.

F. R. POWER.

Help Us Gather the News

Every newspaper wants to publish the news. The better the paper the more prosperous it will be. Local items are especially hard to run down. How many times have you, dear reader, been approached by the newspaper man for an item of news and told him that you knew nothing of interest. Probably at the time your family were away on a visit or some one from out of town was visiting at your home. Of course you didn't mean to deceive the scribe, yet when you received your paper you wondered why your family or friends were not mentioned. A good way to avoid all of this is to kindly inform us of the facts or drop a note in the post-office to the paper. The one item may not amount to much, but several columns of such news is the life of a local paper. See?

J. E. Kent, the coal dealer, has coal on hand now all the time and is prepared to fill orders on short notice. Phone 128.

NEWS AND COMMENTS

The Brookfield Budget was greatly improved in appearance last week when it came out in a handsome new dress.

Missouri as a corn state takes first rank. If the crop of last year was loaded into wagons, it would require 80,000,000 wagons to haul it. Who says Missouri is not great?

James T. Smith has filed suit against a lodge of Modern Woodmen of America at Nevada, for \$20,000 damages. He alleges that his leg was broken while being initiated into the lodge.

The city dads of Maryville passed an ordinance last week requiring all grocery stores and meat markets to be kept closed on Sunday between November 1 and April 1 of each year, and the penalty for violation of the ordinance was fixed at not less than \$5 nor more than \$50.

The county court of Lincoln county possibly did a thing that has never been done by any other court in north Missouri. It paid one man a bounty of \$3 each on nine wolf scalps, besides he received \$5 from a club of citizens for each wolf killed. He received \$72 for the nine scalps.

When forty acres of farming land sells for \$7,100 cash, that is "going some" for Livingston or any other county in Missouri. That is what occurred recently when Frank E. Drury closed a deal for the sale of his forty-acre farm east of Chillicothe at \$177.50 per acre. The purchaser was John F. Leininger.

The union station annex, on Union avenue, adjoining the union railway station in Kansas City, was destroyed by fire early Monday. The union station proper, one of Kansas City's landmarks, was saved by the firemen after a hard fight. The burned building contained the receiving offices of the Adams, Wells-Fargo and Pacific Express companies, a branch mailing room of the postoffice, the offices of the Fred Harvey eating house company, the Pullman palace car company's linen room and the Railway Men's Y. M. C. A. rooms. The loss is estimated at close to a quarter of a million dollars.

The railroad commissioners have ordered the railroads of the state to file with the board by February 10, next, amendments to their tariffs, putting into effect the maximum freight rate on shipments of fruits, both in carload lots and less. The order of the board directs the railroads to put the rate into effect not later than February 25, next. The last legislature passed the maximum fruit rate statute, but failed to put on the emergency clause. The law, therefore, would not have become effective until the last year's crop was marketed, but the fruit growers took the matter up with the board and asked that they be given the benefit of the rate on their present crops.

The railroad tank house at the water station in the northeast part of town burned yesterday noon. Fire caught from the inside and was not discovered until too late to save any part of the building or contents.

LOCAL DOINGS ABOUT TOWN.

Pungent Paragraphs Picked up by Our Perambulating Pencil Pusher.

The power house of the municipal light plant at Linneus was destroyed by fire on Wednesday of this week. The loss was partly covered by insurance.

Ed. O. Barton was in Jefferson City this week and took the examination before the state board of pharmacists. He passed a fine examination and was granted a state certificate.

Regular meeting of the Modern Brotherhood tonight. At the close of the business session oysters will be served to the members and their families and all are invited and urged to be present. A good social time is the object.

W. S. Savage on Thursday sold the I. R. Wellman 40 on route two, belonging to the Northwestern land company of St. Paul, to L. Brendahl for \$2,500. Mr. Brendahl realizes that there is no better investment to be made than in Linn county land and never lets slip a good opportunity of adding a few acres to his farm.

Along with daily free delivery of mail it is the proper thing now for farmers to have printed stationery. Several farmers have had envelopes and paper printed at this office recently and they find it is much more convenient and costs no more than what they have been using. Having the return card on the envelopes insures the prompt return of letters that fail of delivery and in many instances saves much annoyance and delay. Come in and let us show you samples and quote prices.

Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Kuhn and W. S. Goslin, who reside four miles south of Linneus, were given a very enjoyable surprise party and oyster supper by their neighbors at their home Tuesday evening. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Wade, Byron Lamme and family, Jacob Peer and family, Sherman Luyster and family, Wm. Neal and family, Frank Kuhn and sister, Miss Emma Kuhn, Isaiah Smith and wife, Ed. Tapscott and family, Lucius Libby and sister, Miss Lucy Libby, Miss Mabel Guyer, S. L. McGarragh and Joseph and Chris Eymann.—Bulletin.

A dearth of local news often leads to murmurs on the part of those who prize local gossip above all else, and it is not all the fault of the publisher. Any live publisher will not fail to give all the local news worthy of note, therefore when the local department is short you should not rail at the editor, but remember you might have committed suicide, got married, quarreled with your neighbor, stole chickens, let your team run away, or done a hundred other things to make a local item. If a newspaper should publish current street gossip, or the hints and allusions of the best society in the community it would be ostracized and the poor editor horsewhipped or burned at the stake. Think a minute of the mean and low things you say about your townsmen and your near neighbor and imagine how it would look in print. Don't criticize the newspapers for what they print, but give them great credit for what they don't print. A newspaper that contains one-half the nonsense current among the best citizens, would be considered unfit to read. Honest!

Some Evening Reveries.

There are very few grown men, or even "stout boys," in this country who have any pride in being out of business. Occasionally one is found, however, and when found he is worth making a note of. We ran across a genuine specimen the other day, or rather he ran against us—emphatically against us—against our feelings, against our judgment, against our sympathy, but not against our pity. We did pity him, and that was the extent of our recognition. He was dressed faultlessly—that is, if the extreme of latter-day fashion can be called faultless; he had beautiful white hands and teeth, his hair was parted in the middle, his downy mustache adroitly curled, a gold-mounted eye-glass dangled from a buttonhole of his vest and a "nobby" little walking stick was twisted in his bejeweled lady fingers. He was proud to say that he was a "gentleman of leisure." We inferred as much before he said it. What else could have been inferred? What earthly use could the mortal thing be put to? Physical force he had not; his mind was as vacant as an exhausted receiver and he seemed to have no excuse for living except to advertise some tailoring establishment. It is something to the credit of this country that such specimens of the genus homo are rare. We can only wish that they were so rare that circus men would be induced to cage them like monkeys, though the monkeys would be apt to protest against the companionship.

Bow low the head; do reverence to the old man, once like you. The vicissitudes of life have silvered his hair and changed the round, merry face to the worn visage before you. Once the heart beat with aspiration, crushed by disappointment, as yours, perhaps, is destined to be. Once that form stalked proudly through the gay scenes of pleasure, the beau ideal of grace; now the hand of time, that withers the flowers of yesterday, has bent that figure and destroyed that noble carriage. Once at your age he possessed the thousand thoughts that pass through your brain, now wishing to accomplish deeds equal to a nook in fame; anon imagining life a dream that the sooner he awoke from the better. But he has lived the dream very near through; the time to awaken is very near at hand; his eye never kindles at old deeds of daring, and the hand takes a firmer grasp of the staff. Bow low the head, boy, as you would in your old age be revered.

Woman's hopes are too often blasted. In early youth many say to themselves, "I shall be happy when I have a husband to love me best of all;" then, when the husband is too careless, "My child will comfort me;" then, through the mother's watching and toil, "My child will repay me when it grows up." And at last, after the long journey of years has been wearily traveled through, the mother's heart is weighed down by a heavy burden, and no hope remains but the grave. We hope this may not be the case with any who weekly read this column, but all must admit that it is often a true history of woman's hopes.

The greatest glory is not in never falling but in rising every time we fall.

HUMANITY ON THE MOVE

Brief Mention of Those Who Come and Go During the Week

Mrs. C. C. Bigger was in Linneus last Monday.

F. M. Connor was in Iowa on business the first part of the week.

Ward Mouser came up from Oklahoma City Wednesday night to spend a few days with relatives here.

Richard Miller and J. D. Bryant have been in Kansas this week looking after some real estate deals.

Bert Shirey, of St. Joseph, was in Laclede Wednesday and spent a few hours with Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Standly.

Mrs. Ella Stone and little daughter, of Mattoon, Ill., are here visiting her grandmother, Mrs. Jane Wilson.

D. C. Dagger, of Liberty, Neb., visited over last Sunday with his brother, C. B. Dagger, and wife on route three.

V. E. Harter and Ernest Marsh attended the installation of Odd Fellow officers at Brookfield last Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl R. Smith, of route two, came home Wednesday from a three weeks' visit with relatives in Illinois.

V. E. Harter and Frank Weaver went to Brookfield Wednesday night to see the "Yankee Doodle Boy" at the DeGraw.

While in St. Joseph last week J. T. Billings bought a car of young cattle to place on his farm northwest of Laclede.

Chairman F. W. Burke and A. J. Caywood attended a meeting of the republican county central committee held at Linneus last Monday.

Marcus Englehart is in a serious condition from blood poisoning starting from a small sore on his lip and spreading over his face and head.

Sheriff Anderson was in Laclede Monday on his rounds summoning jurors for the February term of circuit court. B. S. Rankin is drawn from this township.

Miss Mattie Reeder, formerly of Laclede, but who has been living in Chicago for the past few years, is visiting her brother, J. A. Reeder, and family at Lee's Summit, Mo.

Miss Jennie Carothers, who has been here from California visiting relatives, guest of the family of Wm. Mize, left this week to visit her niece, Mrs. Anna Myers, at Eastonville, Colo.

Mrs. A. T. Jasperson and her brother, John Mize, returned home Sunday from Tulsa, Okla. Mrs. Jasperson will remain at home with her father, Mr. Wm. Mize, until Mrs. Mize returns home from Colorado.

Mrs. Wm. Mize and little granddaughter, Hilga Jasperson, John Mize and Miss Jennie Carothers left Wednesday morning for Denver, Colo., to visit relatives. Mrs. Mize will go by the way of Eastonville, Colo., to visit her daughter, Mrs. Anna Meyer.

Subjects of the sermons at the Methodist church next Sunday are as follows: 11 a. m., "Christ's Constraining Love;" 7:30 p. m., "Jesus—the Great Physician." Sunday school and Leagues at the usual hours. You are cordially invited. E. M. Dugger, pastor.